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separate immigration laws of each of the thirteen original states became invalid. After that there were no immigration laws until a federal act was passed late in the 1800s. Finally, because of Napoleon Bonaparte's domination of most of Europe during the early years of the nineteenth century, and because of England's accompanying blockading of seaports and seizing of foreign shipping, it became very difficult to emigrate from the Continent. Thus, emigration from the various German states dwindled greatly. It did not increase until sometime after 1850.